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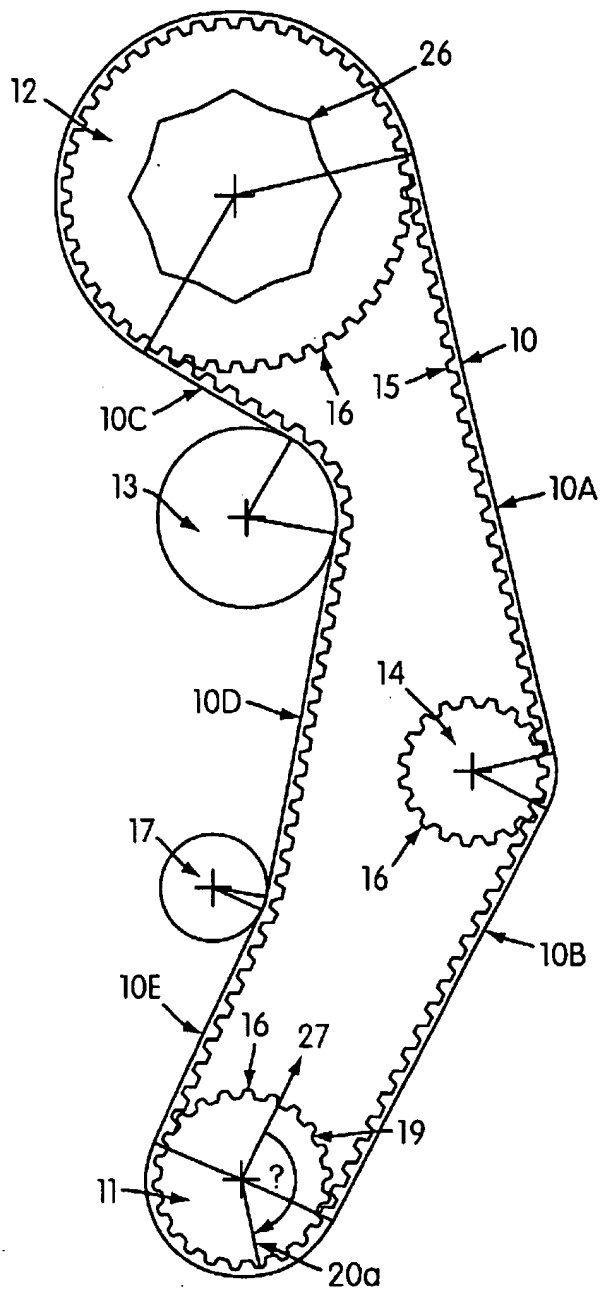
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(54) DISPOSITIF DE COMMANDE SYNCHRONE DOTE D'ELEMENTS DE COMMANDE NON CIRCULAIRES

(54) SYNCHRONOUS DRIVE APPARATUS WITH NON-CIRCULAR DRIVE ELEMENTS

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A synchronous drive apparatus and method, wherein the apparatus comprises a plurality of rotors comprising at least a first and a second rotor. The first rotor (11) has a plurality of teeth (16) for engaging the engaging sections (15) of an elongate drive structure (10), and the second rotor (12) has a plurality of teeth (16) for engaging the engaging section of the elongate drive structure. A rotary load assembly (26) is coupled to the second rotor (12). The elongate drive structure (10) engages about the first and second rotors. The first rotor is arranged to drive the elongate drive structure and the second rotor is arranged to be driven by the elongate drive structure. One of the rotors has a non-circular profile (19) having at least two protruding portions alternating with receding portions. The rotary load assembly is such as to present a periodic fluctuating load torque when driven in rotation, in which the angular positions of the protruding and receding portions of the non-circular profile relative to the angular position of the second rotor, and the magnitude of the eccentricity of the non-circular profile, are such that the non-circular profile applies to the second rotor an opposing fluctuating corrective torque which reduces or substantially cancels the fluctuating load torque of the rotary load assembly.



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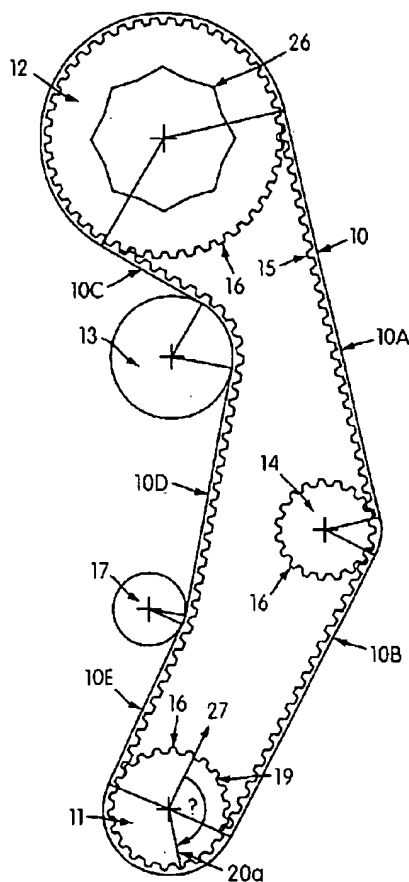
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